



Coffee, Please!

Dear Ann Landers: I'll come right to the point and not try to make excuses for myself. The plain truth is that I have been married for four years and I do not know how to make a decent cup of coffee.

I have blamed the pot, the water, the brand of coffee, and finally, the stove. I have gone from percolator to drip to electric to the open pot method. I've tried nine different brands of coffee and have even bought coffee beans and ground them myself. The results are the same. Rotten coffee.

What is wrong with a woman who can bake a Danish torte and prepare baked Alaska but can't make a good cup of coffee?

HATE MYSELF

Dear Self: The simplest things are the ones that can drive a person nuts. I know how you feel. I can't make Jello.

I don't know what you are doing wrong, but perhaps some of the great coffee makers in my reading audience will come up about it, girls? If there's a coffee secret out there, please spill it.

Dear Ann Landers: What I have to say will apply to thousands of married children, not just our own. I hope I can express myself well enough so you will print my letter.

A few weeks before Christmas, our anniversary, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and so on, the phone calls start—first from the daughters, then the daughters-in-law. They all ask, "What can we buy you?"

Of course I can't tell them that what we really want is not for sale. An invitation to a family meal with everyday chatter would be more delicious than a seven-course banquet in the finest restaurant.

An offer to drive up to town once in a while so we wouldn't have to fight the heavy traffic and park in a lot and feed meters would be pure heaven.

Even a 10-minute phone call that is not a request to babysit, but a call just to visit, would be a rare treat.

What a joy it would be if our children would ask us to join them at the theater one night, or the symphony, or a movie—just knowing they thought of us would be a lift. I guess what I'm trying to say is thoughtfulness and consideration are the best gifts of all.

MARRIED 40 YEARS

Dear Married: Thanks for your letter. And to the married kids in the reading audience I say, "If the shoe fits—wear it!"

Dear Ann Landers: I am in love with a married man. It all started innocently. When he told me he loved me, I knew I loved him, too. The third time we went out of town together he admitted he was married, so you see he is honest.

His marriage was a shotgun type. He never loved his wife and they have been living like brother and sister for two years. He decided to get a divorce a year before I came along. How can I protect my reputation?

MISS D.

Dear D.: If the marriage is dead and you don't want to be accused of killing it, don't hang around the corpse. Tell him when he's a free man to call you up. And don't hold your breath waiting for the phone to ring, Baby.

Unsured of yourself on dates? What's right? What's wrong? Should you? Shouldn't you? Send for Ann Landers' booklet "Dating Do's and Don'ts," enclosing with your request 25 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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GETTING ACQUAINTED . . . Miss Shawnee Keener (at right) gets acquainted with two other contestants in the Miss Ranchero Days queen contest being sponsored by the Torrance Mounted Police and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. Displaying Western style clothes which will be awarded to the winner are Linda Hitchcock (left) and Sandy Briley. The annual rodeo is scheduled July 27 and 28.

Lynn to Lead Center Board

Bert M. Lynn has been elected president of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center Board of Trustees. Lynn has represented the Torrance Unified School District as a member of SCROC since its inception a year ago and held the position of board clerk.

Lynn said Torrance pioneered the concept of the occupational center and he said he is looking forward to serving as president. The position is rotated among the participating districts.

Lynn succeeds Howard West, formerly of the Palos Verdes School District.

A member of the Torrance Board of Education since 1961, Lynn formerly served on the Torrance Planning Commission and the Southern California Planning Congress.

He is a charter member of the City of Hope, Torrance Chapter, has been active in the Torrance Central Little League program, and is the recipient of a PTA honorary life membership award from Fern-Greenwood PTA.

His activities have included the Community Chest, United Jewish Welfare, YMCA, Harlan Shoemaker Therapy Poll, the Alfred University Alumni group, and the Gene Brito Fund. He is a member of the B.P.O. Elks, No. 1378.

A resident of Torrance for 23 years, Lynn was born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., and was graduated from Mount



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Vernon High School. He holds a bachelor of science degree in ceramic engineering from Alfred University.

The new SCROC president served with the United States Navy as a line officer during a military tour of duty in the Pacific.

Lynn resides with his wife, "Chic," and two sons, Brian and Bart, at 1208 Greenwood Ave.

New Patients

Torrance youngsters Deborah Sundberg, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sundberg, 22038 Rashdall Ave., and Mary Fuller, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fuller, 2750 W. 225th St., were among recent admissions to Orthopaedic Hospital.

Property Tax Limit Qualifies for Vote

With today's announcement by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan that the Watson initiative of limit property taxes had won its place on the Nov. 5 election ballot, the people of California were assured of the opportunity to vote themselves a 50 per cent cut in their property tax bills.

558,830 valid signatures were certified, Jordan's office said. Only 520,276 signatures were needed to qualify, of which Los Angeles County alone produced 254,379.

The campaign for the property tax reform measure was spearheaded by Philip E. Watson, Los Angeles County Assessor and co-chairman of the Citizen's Committee for Property Tax Limitation.

WATSON, in the East to attend an executive board meeting of the International Association of Assessing Offi-

cers, was jubilant when informed that the measure had qualified.

"To have secured so many signatures in just slightly more than two months, demonstrates the widespread public concern with the present high level of property taxes, he said.

"Our success is also a tribute to the thousands of volunteers from homeowner groups, realty boards, and local taxpayer and apartment associations which endorsed and co-sponsored the program."

WATSON PROMISED a full statewide campaign in support of the initiative. "Qualifying the petition is a major victory," he said, "but it's only half the battle."

The initiative provides that the total tax burden of all property will be limited to

DRIVER HELD

Three Youths Free On Explosive Plot

Charges of bringing explosives onto jail grounds and possession of marijuana have been dropped for three area youths who were passengers in a car containing the questionable items. The driver of the car, however, must stand trial on the explosives charge.

Arrested Thursday, June 27, for trying to smuggle explosives into the Los Angeles County's men's central jail was Robert Glass, 18, of 1403 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach. A routine search of Glass' car revealed two artillery ground burst simulators with two ounces of photo flash powder.

Charges were dropped against passengers Thomas R. Young, 20, of 261 W. 231st St., Torrance; James N. DeAugustine, 18, of 877 Avenue B, Redondo Beach; and a 17-year-old Redondo boy.

Marijuana charges against all four boys were dropped. Sheriff's deputies reported that the explosive device was a "big firecracker," without real destructive potential.

Extra security precautions are now being taken at the jail, where accused assassin Sirhan B. Sirhan is incarcerated.

Republicans in the 46th Assembly District will raise funds for precinct operations with a "Victory in '68 Steak Barbecue Sunday, July 14

From 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., guests will cook their own steaks on brassiers provided by the Victory Barbecue Committee at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Natland, 18 Crest Road, Rolling Hills.

Admission of \$2 a person covers one drink and the Smorgasbord, to be provided by the food committee. Republican volunteer organizations in the district have been asked to donate salads, bread, desserts, and other side dishes for the Smorgasbord.

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The young veteran was snapped up by Pacific Airlines as soon as he was discharged from the Armed Forces. PA put him to work as superintendent of the Pacific Airline station at Los Angeles International Airport, eventually promoting him to a position supervising stations a several airports.

Computers became Rupert's passion while he was supervising stations (he says the job was largely budgetary) and he pioneered the field of computerizing airline functions.

Rupert helped develop a computerized reservation system and then forged ahead to put bookkeeping, maintenance schedules, and ticket control into computer form,

Mounted Police to Crown New Ranchero Days Queen

Modern-day Western belles began their campaigns this week for the title of "Miss Ranchero Days," the gal who traditionally reigns over the Torrance Mounted Police-RCA Rodeo.

Competition already is keen, according to contest chairman Art Harkness, with the promise of a spirited fight for the crown and a regal place as the event's Western-style queen.

Girls between the ages of 16 and 21 are eligible to enter the competition and may obtain entry blanks from the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, which will co-sponsor this year's event, or from the Mounted Police.

Again this year, community service clubs will sponsor the individual candidates, providing moral support and an energetic supply of manpower to help sell their entrant's tickets—the basis on which the winner will be selected.

Available at \$1 each, the tickets will make their holders eligible for an expense-paid, round-trip for two to Tahiti.

The queen herself won't go unrewarded: Miss Ranchero

Days of 1968 will receive a complete Western wardrobe and a score of other prizes.

The rodeo will be staged July 27 and 28 at Del Amo Center fairgrounds.

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COUNT MARCO

Summer Sun Hits You in the Face

If you've been frantically exercising your body into shape to do the most for that luscious bikini you've acquired, don't forget that the summer season will also hit you in the face, where it can do you the most harm.

During hot weather your skin takes a beating from sunshine, wind and dryness. Right now is the time to start putting moisture into your skin to help you in the months ahead.

When you are wearing less you seem to think your skin needs less care. The lack of interest when needed most ages you faster than the years do. Your skin needs constant moisture to keep it soft and ageless.

Hot weather evaporates the natural moisture as soon as you get out in the air. So, wherever you go, carry a small jar of moisture cream and apply it several times during the day to your eyes, face, neck and elbows.

Did you know that your skin sheds a layer every four days? You must keep the new layers soft, otherwise you will present a scaly, peeling effect.

There's quite a difference

between the lubricating oily creams and the moisturizing, water-containing creams. Because oil and water don't mix, once the moisture evaporates from the lubricating oils, the film of grease left acts as a deep fry for your skin. Oil can do more harm than good in the rays of the sun. On the other hand, an emollient cream contains enough of both oil and water to keep your skin beautiful.

When applying creams, never forget to use the proper method—mine is the best. Don't rub the cream in with heavy-handed strokes. Gently work it over the surface of the skin, using only your fingertips. Your skin cannot absorb creams, so don't waste it by trying to massage it in.

Use only an upward motion, always, and don't ever pinch, pull, tug or knead your facial tissue. Your skin can be stretched and pulled out of shape, causing ugly sag.

To encourage blood circulation, tap at your skin with your fingertips as though you were playing a Chopin waltz.

Do just as I tell you, and your summer face will be as beautiful as your winter face.

PROFILE: THOMAS C. RUPERT

A Yen for Figures Aids Treasurer in His Work

An after-school job washing airplanes eventually developed into a 20-year career in the airline business for City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert. And the airline career, in turn, launched him into an even more profitable affiliation with travel agencies.

Tom Rupert was a Long Beach high school boy when TWA put a mop in his hand and pointed him toward the nearest hangar. Somebody upstairs must have noticed a spark of potential in the youth because he continued with TWA after graduation, learning the airline business and increasing his responsibility.

Rupert's stint with TWA was cut short, however, when he enlisted with the U.S. Air Force, emerging four years later with two years of college and additional aircraft experience under his belt.

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too. It was his assignment to dream up as many applications for the machine as possible—to make the airline's computer investment pay off.

Years of airline affiliation eventually led Rupert to a new angle on transportation—the travel business. Local continent-hoppers may be familiar with the name "Space Age Travel" or the now-defunct "Leonard's Travel," both Rupert projects in Torrance for many years.

Four years ago, however, Rupert decided to try still another line of work when he was appointed Torrance city treasurer. Two years later, Rupert was duly elected by local residents to continue his tenure of office and he'll face re-election in another two years.

The city treasurer's spot found ample outlet for Rupert's inclination toward figures and budgetary matters. He initiated the city's lucrative capital investment program, which netted \$1/4 million for the general fund during the past fiscal year.

On his own time, Rupert has one all-consuming hobby: politics. As manager of Glenn Anderson's campaign for the 17th Congressional District seat, Rupert spent nearly every leisure hour before the recent primary election plugging away for his favorite candidate.

In fact, Rupert even took 10 days of vacation time off work before the election to give the campaign a final boost. His devotion—and the devotion of some 1,200 rank-and-file volunteers—paid off, however, and Anderson won the nomination.

Rupert explained that he's been a close personal friend of the former lieutenant governor since Anderson was honorary chairman of the Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance a few years back.

This is Rupert's first stab at campaign managing, although he's been a member of the County Democratic Central Committee for some time.

A family man, Rupert married his high school sweetheart, Lolita, shortly after her graduation. The family circle now includes son Tommy, 14, a student at Torrance High, and daughter, Terrie, 13, who attends Howard Wood Elementary School.

When career and politics permit, Rupert checks out for hunting, fishing, and—of courses—travel. He's been to Europe several times and has enjoyed extended trips through Canada, the Caribbean area, Central and South America, and the South Pacific.

Hands down favorite is Mexico, however. And it's the people that make the difference. "Their whole life isn't their job!" Rupert exclaims. "In Mexico, they work to live. We do just the opposite!"